



CITY COUNCIL

Administrative Oversight Committee

**Monday, June 04, 2007
Meeting Report**

Attendance: S. Marmarou, D. Sterner

Others Attending: C. Kanezo

I. Interviews

Alfred Huff (Appointment- Environmental Advisory Board)

Mr. Huff expressed sincere interest in serving on the Environmental Advisory Board (EAB) and was honored that the City of Reading would consider his application. Mr. Huff described his many years of service, noting with particular fondness prior work with the Police Athletic League. Mr. Huff felt Reading deserved only the best representatives serving in volunteer capacities.

Mr. Marmarou and Mr. Sterner both commented on the quality of Mr. Huffs resume. Mr. Marmarou explained the City Environmental Advisory Board would operate closely with similar County organizations; Mr. Marmarou discussed the regional dimension of the board.

Mr. Sterner inquired how Mr. Huff became aware of the board. Mr. Huff stated that Councilwoman Goodman-Hinnershitz had been speaking at a community meeting, where she discussed the boards creation.

Mr. Sterner commended Mr. Huff for his willingness to volunteer.

Mr. Kanezo provided a copy of the EAB ordinance and informed Mr. Huff that Council would act upon the appointment resolution during the June 11, 2007 regular meeting.

The committee thanked Mr. Huff for desiring to serve the City of Reading.

The Administrative Oversight Committee recommended the appointment of Mr. Alfred Huff to the Environmental Advisory Board.

Neil Brantly (Environmental Advisory Board)

Mr. Brantly stated he became aware of the board's existence after discussing environmental matters. Mr. Brantly was very enthused about the prospect of serving on a board designed to deal with environmental issues. Mr. Brantly discussed the importance of involving the local community in the decision making process and admired how the City of Reading actively seeks citizen participation.

Mr. Sterner stated City Council is committed to promoting citizen awareness and service. Mr. Sterner asked what specific skills Mr. Brantly could offer.

Mr. Brantly holds a Masters Degree in Urban Planning; in the course of acquiring this degree Mr. Brantly conducted extensive research on issues related to environmental sustainability. Mr. Marmarou commented on the quality of Mr. Brantly's credentials.

Mr. Kanezo provided a copy of the EAB ordinance and informed Mr. Brantly that Council would act upon the appointment resolution during the June 11, 2007 regular meeting.

The Administrative Oversight Committee recommended the appointment of Mr. Neil Brantly to the Environmental Advisory Board.

Erron Lloyd (Environmental Advisory Council)

Mr. Lloyd was not present. Staff will attempt to reschedule.

II. Other Business

Mr. Kanezo asked if the committee would be willing to endorse the appointment of Councilman Stephen Fuhs to the Blighted Property Review Committee. Mr. Kanezo explained the committee requires a representative from Council. And while it was assumed Councilman Fuhs would act as the representative, it would be appropriate for Council to act upon the appointment, through the adoption of a resolution.

Both Mr. Sterner and Mr. Marmarou agreed the drafting of a resolution appointing Councilman Fuhs to the Blighted Property Review Committee.

Mr. Kanezo informed the committee the term of Lyn Christy has expired; as a result, several candidates for Water Authority will likely be brought forward in the coming months.